



N.D.G James OBE, MC, TD, FRICS

1911-1993



Jimmy James, as he was known, was one of the best known names in British private forestry.

After being a lecturer in forestry at the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, he became Bursar and Fellow at Corpus Christi College, Oxford in 1950 and then Land Agent for Oxford University before being appointed land agent at the Clinton Devon Estates in 1961, a post he held until 1976.

He was President of the Land Agent's Society (1957-58) and President of the Royal Forestry Society (RFS) (1962-64). As President of the RFS he set up the Society's examinations in arboriculture which continue today. He was awarded no less than four gold medals for his two professions – as land agent and forester – including the RFS Gold Medal for distinguished services to forestry in 1967. He was awarded the OBE for services to forestry.

Jimmy James was widely known in forestry circles for his many forestry books. Best known are the Forester's Companion (1955), A Book of Trees (1973) and A History of English Forestry (1981).

In 2000 his sons Jimmy and Jeremy made a generous donation to the RFS to establish the NDG James Memorial Fund to promote the educational work of the Society. This has enabled the Society to organise a number of forestry conferences.

2017 is the first NDG James Memorial lecture hosted by the Society. We are very grateful for the generosity of the James family which makes this event possible.